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County to implement enforcement policy on landfill disposal

KEKAHA – County officials announced the implementation of a policy and standard operating procedure regarding the enforcement of a county ordinance that restricts the disposal of commercially generated loads at the Kekaha Landfill.

Starting Sept. 1, businesses and haulers that bring commercially generated loads to the landfill that exceed 10 percent of the volume limit on corrugated cardboard, ferrous and non-ferrous metal or green waste will be subject to load rejection and potential penalties.

A bill amending section 21-7.3 of the Kaua'i County Code relating to prohibited materials at the Kekaha Landfill was signed into law in August of last year.

"Restrictions on commercially generated cardboard, metals and green waste have been in place for a long time, and it's imperative that we effectively enforce them now in order to preserve precious space at our landfill," said Mayor Bernard Carvalho, Jr. "As we continue to take steps to implement our Integrated Solid Waste Management Plan, efforts such as these will preserve our natural resources and protect the environment."

The mayor noted that since the start of this year, the Solid Waste Division staff has been doing outreach with those impacted to ensure that the intent and goal of the policy is well understood.

“Our goal is to divert as much waste from the landfill as possible through recycling programs,” said the mayor. “This policy will help to extend the life of the landfill.”

Businesses that have not yet developed recycling programs for their operations are encouraged to contact the County Recycling Office at 241-4841 or check the county website, www.kauai.gov/recycling.

Clean, corrugated cardboard is accepted for recycling free of charge at the Kaua'i Resource Center located on Ahukini Road in Līhu'e. The center is open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7:30 am to 4:15 pm, and is closed for lunch from 11 to 11:45 am.

Large loads of cardboard can be taken for a fee to the Garden Isle Disposal (GID) facility located on Ni'umalu Road. For information about GID's recycling operation, call 245-2372.

Ferrous metal is accepted for recycling at Puhi Metals Recycling. Fees will apply. Call Abe's Auto Recyclers at 632-0697 for information.

Non-ferrous metal can be redeemed at Reynold's Recycling on Wilcox Street in Līhu'e. Call Reynold's at 245-7233 for redemption values.

Clean loads of green waste can be brought to Kaua'i Nursery in Puhi. Tipping fees of \$10 per cubic yard will apply. For further information, call 245-7747.

Green waste is also accepted at Heart and Soul Organics in Moloa'a. Tipping fees of \$10 per cubic yard will apply. Call 823-1007 for more information.

Additional information about Ordinance 902, which restricts commercially generated loads at the Kekaha Landfill, can be obtained by going to the county website, www.kauai.gov/landfillbans or by calling 241-4837.

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